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A drive into the country would be enjoyed but no one has had the hardihood to try such an innovation lately.

Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wife of the late President Grant, died in Washington last night of heart failure.

If it were left to a vote of the people of the two territories the Beveridge bill would carry with a whoop.

The senate of the United States will today enter upon the dignified task of talking the statehood bill to death.

The greatest blunder Senator Beveridge has made up to the present time is having passed through Vinita in the night.

The Beveridge report on the Indian Territory ought to be printed and sent out as an advertisement to attract immigration.

Congress has passed a concurrent resolution adjourning that body on December twentieth, to re-convene January fifth.

It took a good while, but Muskogee finally fell into line on the statehood question. South McAlester must be getting awfully lonesome.

With its other troubles the So McAlester Capital now has the task of trying to keep its own town from stampeding to the Beveridge single statehood bill.

Congressman Charlie Curtis has dropped out of Indian Territory matters in Washington. He has troubles enough of his own in the Kansas Senatorial race.

Whatever may be said of Bob Owen it cannot be charged that he is cheap. When he turns his attention to a project it generally has some money in it.

While all this statehood hubbub is going on in Washington inquiry should be made for the whereabouts of a certain measure called the "Moon bill."

South McAlester's opposition to single statehood will be the means of her losing the seat of the federal court in the event of the enactment of the Beveridge bill.

The "per cent" for the collection of the four million due from the government will be one of the issues of the next campaign for the election of Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

The Cherokee council voted down every proposition to collect the four million dollar claim against the United States government. An offer to collect it for two per cent went down with the other higher fees.

It is always time for action in Vinita.

There are a few people in Vinita who need help and must have it. The relief union is entirely without funds and no money has been collected for its use for a long time. If some charitably disposed persons will take hold of this matter they will be public benefactors. The committee of ladies and gentlemen who gave their time and attention to this business some time ago did a great service to the community and dispensed its charity in a safe and practical way.

The Secretary of the Interior has recently refused to allow Judge W. M. Springer to appear before the department as attorney for the Cherokee nation. This is a deserved rebuke to a man who is willing to prostitute a high public office in order to fasten himself upon a tribe of Indians where a fee could be had for services never rendered. Before Springer's time as judge of the northern district was ended he was hobnobbing with Chief Buffington seeking employment as attorney for the Cherokee and it is believed landed the job before he retired from the bench. His services in Washington were worse than nothing for he proved himself a political mendicant, tire-some and unscrupulous. But why should Chief Buffington attempt to foist such an attorney, if indeed he can be called an attorney, upon his people? He ought to give his people the benefit of the best legal talent, and the soundest statesmanship available. The secret, perhaps of the employment of Springer is that there was a per cent somewhere to be divided. The four million due the Cherokee nation is doubtless the inspiration and the key to the whole performance and in the light of events the government ought to see to it that no one is allowed to get a rake off in the payment of this money no long due the Cherokee people.

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## SCHOOL FOR CHEROKEES

W. L. Trott of Vinita, member of the lower house of the Cherokee council, has advanced ideas with reference to the national schools and the ultimate disposition of the school funds belonging to the tribe. Mr. Trott's plan is to combine the one hundred and fifty primary schools now running as long as practicable and then turn the seminaries into schools to be conducted by the government or the plan of the government Indian school at Carlisle, Pa. The plan, if carried out would turn the entire school fund belonging to the Cherokee into a perpetual endowment for Cherokee youth. There is little doubt but that such a plan would find favor with the government and would be a proper subject for the supplemental treaty soon to be made. The Cherokee school fund divided per capita would amount to about eight or nine dollars each for the whole Cherokee people, not enough to be of consequence, but as a nucleus for a school for Cherokees would be of untold value.

The desire to feather a few nest has been the cause of delay in the collection of the Slade-Bender award of upward of four million dollars due the Cherokee Nation. If the government wants to do the right thing it will pay the debt without the interposition of Judge Springer, Owen or anybody else. In the "Strip agreement" the government pledged itself to pay whatever might, after a careful accounting, be found due the Nation and now, after ten years of disgraceful quibbling, will perhaps let a bunch of lobbyist shave a good portion of it when it is finally paid. Springer is a weak and unsafe man, either as a federal judge in the Indian Territory or as an oily chrysalis around the capital. Such barnacles should not be allowed to fasten themselves upon an Indian tribe struggling to win out its existence.

It would be most unfortunate if Oklahoma should be admitted to statehood without the Indian Territory, but there is no denying the fact that Oklahoma is fully entitled to the honor either with or without Indian Territory. And even the people of the territory, anxious as most of them are for union would rather see Oklahoma admitted alone than left out. Every sane person must know that in course of time the lines of but one state must bound the two territories, and it is only a question of waiting after all. The compromise proposed by President Roosevelt to make two states of the four territories, with New Mexico and Arizona as one and Indian Territory and Oklahoma as the other, is a slight so far as this territory and Oklahoma is concerned, but is hardly the right thing for the other territories.

It is to be earnestly hoped that whatever changes in the way of land tenure may come to the Indian country that large bodies of land will not fall into the hands of speculators and land syndicates. The secret of prosperity in any country is to have a farmer on every quarter section. The home and the family are the units not only of progress but of government itself. Give the settler a chance.

The roads around Vinita and the streets within the town demand immediate attention. To neglect either or both, is simply to lag in the race of progress and enterprise and to be outdone by other towns.

The "official" protest from the five tribes against statehood with Oklahoma voices the sentiments of Chief Porter and Bob Owen and that is about the extent of it.

What will Col. Robt. L. Owen do next now that he has been knocked out by the Cherokee council and also by Secretary Hitchcock. But it is safe to bet the redoubtable colonel will not quit.

The saddest chapter in the great anthracite coal strike in the East is the forced labor of little children at inadequate wages. Three cents an hour for little girls under twelve years is the miserable stipend.

It is the constant remark of visitors to this section from the states that this is a country of marvelous resources and capable of development beyond the imagination of man. The broad stretches of rich prairie land, unturned by the plowshare, tap all the elements that go to make a country great.

For twenty seven years the Honorable Henry L. Dawes, ex-United States Senator from Massachusetts and chairman of the Dawes commission, has gone to the polls with his coachman, Patrick O'Hearn. Mr. Dawes always votes the republican ticket and then holds the horses while Patrick votes the straight democratic ticket.

Not much is said about the solvency of Vinita institutions, but it has been a long time since there was a business failure in this town. To the outside world this sounds well and means a great deal. A class of safe, conservative, enterprising business men are desirable assets for any town. Vinita people know how to make money and how to invest it.

The agitation of the statehood question has been the means of untold advertisement for Indian and Oklahoma territories. People all over the world have read the glowing report of the Senate committee, and those who are taking part in the fray have called wide attention to this great undeveloped region called the Indian country.

## What the Papers Say.

Beautiful wheat fields in winter as green as the fields in other countries in April are common to Oklahoma. For thirteen years our fields of wheat have been the admiration of our people and the wonder of all visitors, but the wheat looks a little finer right now than ever before. If there is any one who doubts this statement let him take a drive across the country and be convinced that Oklahoma beats the world on wheat.—Times-Journal.

An Okmulgee paper says that Theo. Gulick was forcibly ejected from the senatorial special as it was leaving Muskogee. Gulick wanted to tell them of the needs of the territory. The train stopped at the coal shutes and he was invited to walk. The Capital don't believe it. If Gulick wanted to ride the senators would have discovered his rare versatility before any ejection thoughts were formed and Gulick would have tasted the best they had.—South McAlester Capital.

Representative Stevens of Texas has introduced in the House a bill regulating the practice of medicine and surgery in the Indian Territory. It provides that no person shall practice medicine or surgery as a profession without being registered in the office of the clerk of the court in the district in which he or she offers to practice. The bill also provides that the United States judge in each district of the territory shall create for that district a board of examiners to examine all applicants to practice.—Ex.

Sam Powell of the Indian Territory, who is in Washington to represent some of the people on the statehood question, says: "There is no more show for Indian Territory to come in with Oklahoma under the substitute bill in the Senate than there was for us to get it when the omnibus bill was up in the House. The substitute is practically dead. Its friends withdrew it. Whenever a vote can be had in the Senate the omnibus bill will pass, as it passed the House. Then the Moon bill will be forced to the front and, I think, passed. The telegrams and letters coming thanking Beveridge have hurt us some, for the reason that we started in to pass the Moon bill and switched too soon. They think us fickle, for no one regards Senator Beveridge's substitute seriously. Everyone here is sure that it cannot pass, and knows also that it was offered to block legislation. I think I am perfectly faithful in the cause of relief for the Indian Territory, and would like to have the aid of all good people out there."

We again call attention to the matter of getting ready for the beginning of the New Year. The careful business man will want to gather in all his accounts small and great at that time, and he will also not forget to get ready to settle his own. The first of the year is an excellent time to start in new with a clean sheet.

They say the statehood question is not a partisan one but it is noticeable that the democrats line up on one side and most of the republicans on the other just the same. The former want all the new states they can get and the latter just as few as possible. The national platform don't "cut any ice."

It is not definitely known what number of allottees will be able to file upon their land in a single day after the land office opens, but it is reasonably certain that only a comparatively small number will be able to file during the four months that the land office is open at Vinita. This being true those living in the northern portion of the nation should have the preference. It is unfortunate that two land offices cannot be maintained permanently until all the filings are finished. The inordinate desire to file early will cause a tremendous rush for the first few months and people from the utmost parts of the Cherokee nation may be in attendance.

United States Court Settings. Judge Gill has issued the following announcement setting the terms of court in the Northern District:

Vinita—Second Monday in September.

Tablequah—First Monday in October.

Miami—Third Monday in October.

Pryor Creek—Fourth Monday in October.

Sallisaw—First Monday in November.

Claremore—Third Monday in November.

Nowata—Fourth Monday in November.

Vinita—First Monday after first Tuesday in December.

Miami—Second Monday in January.

Pryor Creek—Third Monday in January.

Vinita—Fourth Monday in January.

Sallisaw—First Monday in March.

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Claremore—First Monday in April.

Tablequah—Third Monday in April.

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Go Carts	Drums	Anvils and Sledges
Cradles	Wagons	Boats
Beds	Horses	Grocery Stores
Dishes	Trains	Watches, Etc.

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## Warning Order.

In the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, sitting at Vinita.

W. H. Curtis, Plaintiff,

vs.

John T. Austin, Defendant.

The defendant, John T. Austin, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff.

Witness the Honorable Joseph A. Gill, Judge of said court and the seal thereof at Vinita, I. T., this 29th day of November, A. D. 1902.

CHAS. A. DAVENPORT, Clerk.

By P. M. FORD, Deputy.

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